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Grant Funding For Housing Preservation Projects Announced By USDA Rural Development **Over \$134,000 Grant Funding Awarded To Four Non-Profit Organizations**

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced today that the Agency has approved four non-profit applicants for grant funding totaling \$134,101 under the Agency's *Housing Preservation Grant Program*. USDA's Rural Development *Housing Preservation Grant Program* provides funding to community organizations to assist in the repair and/or rehabilitation of single-family and rental residences located in rural communities with a maximum population of 20,000.

In today's announcement, State Director Banks commented, "The availability of affordable housing in our rural areas continues to be a major factor which contributes to economic development. Many times, with certain repairs, existing rural homes can continue to be a valuable asset to Kansas families and their communities. USDA Rural Development's *Housing Preservation Grant Program* can provide financial assistance to eligible owners to make necessary repairs to these homes."

USDA Rural Development's *Housing Preservation Grant Program* has provided over \$3 million in grant funding to Kansas to enhance the quality of life by increasing accessibility and usefulness for rural homes.

The four recipients approved for Fiscal Year 2006 funding by USDA Rural Development follow:

South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc.; Wichita, KS - \$37,735.02 grant.

Agency funds will be used to assist 10 low/very low income families for the repair and rehabilitation of their homes.

Coffey County Housing Authority; Burlington, KS - \$37,085.90 grant. Agency funds will be used to assist in the repair and/or rehabilitation of up to 20 rural homes.

Great Plains Development, Inc.; Dodge City, KS - \$37,085.90 grant. Agency funds will be used to assist 6 low income families for the repair and rehabilitation of their homes.

United Tribes of Kansas and SE Nebraska; White Cloud, KS - \$22,194.99 grant. Funding will be used to assist 4 low income families for the repair and rehabilitation of their homes.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life of the State's rural residents. The Agency provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, interested parties may call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks

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